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SUBJECT: LMFBR COOPERATION; US/FRENCH/GERMAN MEETING
OF MAY 23

1. ON MAY 23, 1978 , 1978 US/FRENCH/GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE
-TIVES MET AT CEA HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS TO DISCUSS
FUTURE COOPERATION AMONG THE THREE COUNTRIES IN LMFBR
R&D. THE US DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY R. THORNE
(ACCOMPANIED BY NF SIEVERING AND PARIS DOE . THE
FRENCH DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY G. VENDRYES (ACCOM-
PANIED BY M. RAPIN, J. MEGY, AND F. BUJON) AND THE
GERMAN DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY SCHMIDT-KUESTER
(ACCOMPANIED BY U. DAUNERT, LOOSCH AND L. VON
KAMECKE). IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE FUTURE COURSE
OF THIS COOPERATION WILL BE DETERMINED AT DETAILED
TECHNICAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER AND TO
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BE FOLLOWED BY A MEETING OF THE KEY PARTICIPANTS OF
THE SUBJECT MEETING, DURING OCTOBER/NOVEMBER
1978. IN ADDITION, AN EARLY MEETING WILL BE SET
UP IN THE US TO EXPLAIN TO THE FRENCH AND GERMAN
REPRESENTATIVES OBLIGATIONS AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE
US FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

2. THE MEETING OPENED WITH PRESENTATIONS BY VENDRYES, SCHMIDT-KUESTER, AND THORNE, DESCRIBING THE PROJECTED FRENCH/GERMAN/US LMFBR PROGRAMS. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION OF THE BILATERAL VERSUS TRILATERAL COOPERATION ISSUE, DURING WHICH US AGREED THAT TRILATERAL COOPERATION WAS POSSIBLE AND COULD BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT, AS LONG AS THE PROPOSED FRENCH SCOPE OF EFFORT WAS AS COMPREHENSIVE AS THE PROPOSED GERMAN SCOPE.

3. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE SCOPE OF LMFBR COOPERATION WOULD BE EXPANDED. SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION IS POSSIBLE IMMEDIATELY AND ADDITIONAL EXPANSION MAY BE POSSIBLE LATER IF THERE IS PROGRESS ON COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE US WHICH SERENA (THE JOINT LICENSING COMPANY) HOPES TO DEVELOP IN THE US.

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GERMAN AND FRENCH NOVEMBER 25 LETTERS TO MEYERS AS BASIS OF SCOPE NEGOTIATIONS, THE US SIDE INSISTED ON USING THE SCOPE OF EFFORT DEFINED IN THE JANUARY 27 MEYERS TO VENDRYES LETTER, EVEN IF THE FINAL SCOPE END UP CLOSE TO THOSE INDICATED IN THE NOVEMBER 25 LETTERS. GRAY AREAS WOULD ALSO BE DEFINED, WITH INDICATION OF THE FUTURE EXPANDED LIMITS OF COOPERATION, SHOULD THERE BE PARALLEL COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

5. G. CUNNINGHAM, M. RAPIN AND HUGH DAUNART WERE APPOINTED OVERALL TECHNICAL COORDINATORS FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND G. MEGY WAS TO PREPARE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SUBJECT MEETING.
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